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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2001, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the required fee for a small entity, to extend the period for response one month, to and including February 4, 2002. To facilitate examination, the applicants respectfully submit an article by Lode *et al.* (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, Vol. 95, pp. 2475-2480, March 1998); an abstract by Nguyen *et al.*, (*Cancer Gene Ther.*, 1997, May-June); an abstract by Watanabe *et al.* (*Nippon Rinsho*, March 1998, 56(3):724-730); an abstract by Feero *et al.*, (*Gene Ther.*, 1997, 4(7)664-674); and an article by Baumgartner *et al.* (*Circulation*, March 31, 1998, 97(12)1114-1123).